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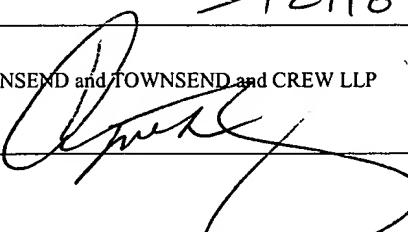
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Manabu Kitamura et al.

Application No.: 09/697,088

Filed: October 25, 2000

For: A COMPUTER SYSTEM AND
DATA SHARING METHOD BETWEEN
COMPUTERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3076

Examiner: Kevin T. Bates

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2155

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.